

Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee (RecFAC)

DRAFT AGENDA: MEETING 74

Date: 12 March 2021

Start Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Remarkable Cave Meeting Room, Level 1, 134 Macquarie St, Hobart

1. Meeting Formalities (9:30)
 - Attendance and Apologies (EO)
 - Adoption of Agenda (Chair)
 - Register of Interests for all members (Chair)
 - Minister's correspondence/decisions from previous meeting (Rod Pearn)
 - Action Items from previous meeting (Rod Pearn)
2. Recreational Strategy Update (Sven Frijlink)
3. Individual season limit and monitoring project update (Rod Pearn/Samantha Twiname)

Morning Tea Break

4. Rock lobster catch share including discussing TARFish proposal
5. Rock lobster Fishery (*inc lunch 1:00*)
 - Management planning – current and future
 - Size limits proposal
 - Commercial fishery pot limit proposal
 - Season opening dates for 2021
 - Remake of rock lobster fishery rules
6. RecFAC Work Plan 2021 (Rod Pearn)

If time permits (or defer to next meeting):

7. Research and Management Updates
8. Emerging Issues & Matters of importance
 - Marine Police
 - TARFish
 - Rec Fisher reps
 - others
9. Other Business/ Dates for future meetings
 - Proposed dates week commencing 24 May 2021
10. Meeting close ~ by 3:30 pm

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM REC FAC 73

	Action	Who	When /Status
1	Seek advice whether there are biosecurity issues allowing the recreational take and possession of rock lobster in Northern Bass Strait waters and transfer to and from Victoria.	DPIPWE	Suggest removing. The limits are for compliance not biosecurity
2	Update on status of Bastard Trumpeter	DPIPWE Rep	Discuss at a scalefish focused RecFAC meeting.
3	Compile a list of general information and identify a reading list for RecFAC	DPIPWE	IMAS Research and stock assessments
4	Provide RecFAC an update on the implementation of new abalone size limits	DPIPWE Rep	On agenda
5	Discuss improvements to the Fishwatch phone service	RecFAC	On agenda

FUTURE DIRECTIONS LIST

ITEMS IDENTIFIED AND RECOMMENDED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTATION		
Item	When Raised	Comments Priority/Status
Scalefish Appropriate age for using certain fishing gear (recreational gillnetting and setlines).	RecFAC 62	Feed into Scalefish review >2020
Scalefish DPIPWE prepare a paper outlining the key issues and management options that reduce the impact of recreational gillnets. Include Attendance provisions or reduced maximum soak times (such as 2 Hrs) for recreational gillnets	RecFAC 64	Feed into Scalefish review >2020
Bastard Trumpeter - investigate whether further management action is required to address the status changed from “transitional depleting” to “overfished”.	RecFAC 57	
Inshore shellfish Consider potential overfishing of inshore invertebrate. Review catch limits Closed areas in intertidal zone.	RecFAC 52	Preliminary approval from Minister to draft papers etc.
Rock Lobster Western Region – Boat Limit - Suggested, but not fully discussed that boat limits could be further limited in Western Region – 25 still too high? Also mentioned individual catch limits (bl of 5/ pl of 10 or special licence 15) – are they too high. Raised by Stafford. Are they related to compliance issues, marketing, inshore depletion/ resource sharing issues? Seek additional info from Stafford, Marine Police.	RecFAC56 &57	Opportunistic if there are MP amendments. Remove from list Suggest Issues will be discussed in RL policy document brief etc.
Rock Lobster Harvest Strategy and Policy Needed	RecFAC65	

Rock Lobster Compliance Review Topics - Tighten the rule relating to Eastern Region possession limit near the coastal strip to enhance compliance. Eg. Can not possess > 2 within 100 metres of EC waters unless the fisher can establish they were on a multiple day fishing trip. DPIPWE and Marine Police to develop background need and work up proposal if deemed necessary.	RecFAC56	Remove from list Feed into rock lobster compliance review
Rock Lobster – Special Licence Rock Lobster - The Committee recommended to t the fishing licence (special rock lobster) be removed consultation will be undertaken in future reviews.	RecFAC65	March 2019 - Minister supported consultation in 2020/2021 review
Consider compliance risks of allowing recreational rock lobster fishing in the Northern Bass Strait area or lobster being landed in Victoria. Mandatory VMS for the commercial rock lobster fishery should be considered given the extent of spatial management and number of boundary lines.	RecFAC 65	Feed into rock lobster compliance review RecFAC recommended mandatory VMS at Meeting 69.
Scallops D'Entrecasteaux Channel Recreational Scallop Fishery: management strategy and decision rule criteria Develop policy for area management. Review status of key inshore areas to be considered as non-commercial areas (i.e for explicit access of recreational and indigenous fishers) Key areas include: D'entrecasteaux Channel, Norfolk Bay, Mercury Passage, Great Oyster Bay which have not been subject to any commercial activity for many years.	RecFAC56 RecFAC 69	By early 2021.
Abalone Catch Limits, what is a reasonable bag and possession limit, the introduction of a boat limit and a minimum age for a recreational abalone licence, compliance issues.	RecFAC 61	Implemented November 2019.

RESEARCH NEEDS AND IDEAS

TOPIC, NEED ETC	
Topic	When Raised
RecFAC indicate that increased monitoring of sand flathead is a priority. The urgency for Developing a cost-effective monitoring regime and stock assessment for Sand Flathead is due to transiting depleting stock status indicated recent scalefish fishery assessments and the fact that sand flathead is the back bone of recreational fishing in Tasmania as it constitutes >60% of all recreational fish caught in Tasmania.	RecFAC65 Project application is awaiting FRDC funding
Striped Trumpeter – Increased sampling or collection of frames required so this species can be adequately assessed. i.e Not Undefined.	RecFAC 57
Charter Boat Fishery Logbook collection and analysis	RecFAC 60, RecFAC62